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SUBJECT: OAU SECRETARY GENERAL'S YEAR-END STATEMENT

1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA REPORTED DEC. 31 YEAR-END MESSAGE BY OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SEC GEN WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA. ETEKI LISTED NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ASPECTS OF 1975 AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE "BALANCE SHEET" WOULD INSPIRE OAU ACTION IN THE NEW YEAR.

2. ETEKI STATED 1975 "HAD BEEN A PAINFUL ONE BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS IN ANGOLA, THE SPANISH SAHARA, THE COMORO ISLANDS, ZIMBABWE AND THE MIDDLE EAST." ANGOLA, HE SAID, AFTER HAVING REGAINED ITS FREEDOM, HAS BEEN "THROWN INTO FRATRICIDAL STRIFE WHICH IMPOSES EVEN GREATER SACRIFICES TO THE YOUNG STATE. EVEN WORSE, ANGOLAN LIBERATION, SEES ITS INDEPENDENCE THREATENED AND ITS TERRITORY INVADED BY THE GANGS OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER NOSTALGIC MERCENARIES WHO ARE PERPETUATING AN UNDESCRIBABLY BLATANT AGGRESSION OF RECONQUEST, AND ARE ENCOURAGING AN ATTEMPT AT PARTITIONING ANGOLA, THROUGH ANGOLAN MIDDLEMEN THAT HAVE GONE ASTRAY."

3. ETEKI THEN CITED THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SISTER  
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STATES AND PEOPLES OVER THE FUTURE OF THE SPANISH SAHARA

AND THE "CYNICAL FRENCH UNDERTAKING TO DISLOCATE THE INTEGRITY OF THE INDEPENDENT COMORO ISLANDS." HE ADDED THAT THE ZIMBABWE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS WEAKENED BY DIVISIONS AMONG ITS LEADERS.

4. HE STATED RIFTS THREATEN AFRICAN STATES AND JEOPARDIZE THE IDEAL OF AFRICAN UNITY AT A TIME "WHEN AFRICA MUST STAND UNITED TO FACE THE GRAVE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED AND NURSED AND ARE BEING AGGRAVATED BY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES."

5. THE OAU SECGEN NOTED 1975 SUCCESSES SUCH AS THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS AND THE COMOROS. IT HAD ALSO BEEN A FRUITFUL YEAR, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF MORE DYNAMIC ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN ECONOMIES AND OF MORE EQUITABLE RELATIONS WITH THE INDUSTRIALISED POWERS.

6. ETEKI CALLED FOR VIGILANCE "IN THE FACE OF THE PLOT AGAINST AFRICA OF WHICH THE FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN OUR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN ANGOLA CONSTITUTES THE MOST PALPABLE DEMONSTRATION." HE SAID AFRICA'S FOREMOST OBJECTIVE MUST BE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM IN ALL ITS FORMS AS WELL AS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE NEGATION OF THE VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. HE REITERATED OAU SUPPORT FOR SWAPO IN NAMIBIA, THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE, INDEPENDENCE IN DJIBOUTI, AND DEPLORED SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF APARTHEID AND BANTUSTANISATION.

7. COMMENT: THE ONLY COUNTRY SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIFIC CRITICISM IN ETEKI'S STATEMENT WAS SOUTH AFRICA.

8. EMBASSY POUCHING DEPT. TEXT.  
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